

Ruabon News Letter 358 (part 2)

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St Mary's School, Ruabon

APPLICATIONS FOR NURSERY PLACES

If you have, or know of, a child turning three before 31st August 2021 you can now apply online for a Nursery place at St Mary's Church in Wales School, Ruabon.

If you would like to speak to us for further information, please contact the school on
01978 820979.

Online admissions must be completed by
19th February 2021.



St Mary's School, Ruabon

Sign up now – Tŷ Pawb arts masterclasses for young people aged 9-14

Wrexham County Borough Council sent this bulletin at 14-01-2021 11:45 AM GMT

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tŷ pawb

Sign up now for Criw Celf – arts masterclasses for young people

Criw Celf offers young people (aged 9 to 14) who love art, an opportunity to take part in artist-led masterclasses during February half term over a consecutive 4 day period.



Our programme of special workshops are being delivered online via zoom with professional artists, and offer participants opportunities to develop new creative skills and understanding of visual art and craft.

Meet new friends who also enjoy art too!

Join Neighbourhood Watch!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

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Visit www.ourwatch.org.uk/join and complete the online form

You will receive a email with a confirmation code, enter this code when prompted and continue completing the form

Once registered as a member, you need to join or start a scheme

To do this, log into your account by clicking on Login from our website or by entering <https://ourwatchmember.org.uk/> - Click on SCHEME ADMIN and you will be given the option to join a local scheme or if there isn't one which covers your road, then you can start a scheme by selecting the option at the bottom left of the screen.

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3 **Become an ACTIVE member/lead for your scheme and make your area safer**

Talk with your neighbours about keeping your community safer and raise awareness of issues. Actively make differences in your community and work together to be more resilient.

Your Local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme:

Contact details:



Neighbourhood Watch Network
is a Charitable Incorporated
Organisation (CIO) registered in
England and Wales, no: 1173349

THIS IS THE LINK FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH PAGE WHERE YOU CAN REGISTER TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER. A GROUP OF PEOPLE IS NEEDED, PEOPLE TO ADMIN THE GROUP AS WELL AS PEOPLE TO ACTUALLY MONITOR THE AREA. PLEASE REGISTER IF YOU CAN HELP OUT. www.ourwatch.org.uk/join. Please also email clerk@ruaboncommunitycouncil.gov.wales too so that we can get a group together.

Wrexham Trading Standards

has received a number of complaints from residents who entered into contracts for building work or home repairs with traders found online, either through the trader's own website or online trade directories.

Recently a vulnerable elderly resident of Wrexham found a roofer through one such website and paid over several hundred pounds in cash for repairs.

Although a receipt for payment was issued, it contained very little detail about this particular trader. When the residents' roof developed a severe leak soon after the work was done, they were unable to identify and contact the trader to get the work put right or take action to get their money back.

Often, traders who advertise in this way do not give out full details such as address and registered business name and number. Be wary if they only give out a mobile number as it can be harder to get back in touch if there are problems.

If the website you are thinking of using asks you to fill in a form to request a trader, and they get in touch with you, make sure they are happy to give you all their contact details and check these out as much as possible. If they seem reluctant, it's best to find someone else.

If a trader has their own website, it may look very professional, but check it contains all their contact information and check any advertised claims such as memberships of trade associations and qualifications.

"Take some time to consider".

Cllr Hugh Jones, Lead Member for Communities, Partnerships, Public Protection and Community Safety, said: "If you do ask a trader to visit, make sure they give you a detailed quote to carry out the work and take some time to consider it. Be very wary if they are reluctant to put things in writing, a reliable trader should be happy to do this. "The quote should include the fixed price including VAT, and breakdown of the work to be done and materials needed, details of

when payment will be due, full contact details for the trader, and your rights to cancel the contract if that is applicable.

"Avoid paying large deposits upfront in cash or by bank transfer. Remember that if you hand over money in this way with no contact details for the trader, you may not be able to exercise your consumer rights or get your money back."

Trading Standards may also not be able to identify them to investigate any suspected criminal offences. Unfortunately Trading Standards have been made aware of several incidents where this has been the case.

Tips for choosing a trader.

- If possible get recommendations from people you know and check examples of work they have had done.
- Be wary of online reviews that may not be genuine.
- If you use a trader approval scheme, look what checks are carried out before traders are able to join, and whether the scheme provide a redress scheme if there are problems. There are a wide variety of schemes, some with lots of checks, and some that are just advertising directories with no checks carried out on traders on the list. Trading Standards approved schemes such as [Buy With Confidence](#) have certain safeguards. Traders have to meet certain standards and are audited by their local Trading Standards before they are allowed to be included in the scheme. You can find details on their website www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk
- Interview contractors before you hire, then ask lots of questions, and give a clear and detailed description of exactly what you want done. Make sure you can communicate with them easily as this will help you sort out any problems that may arise.
- Don't feel pressured to agree to enter into a contract. Try to compare different traders. If you're not comfortable, don't hire them and find someone else.
- Check they have the required approvals for the work they are proposing to carry out e.g. Gas Safe or OFTEC registration, or are a registered electrician for installation work.

Further useful advice can also be found on the website citizensadvice.org.uk

You can also report problems and get consumer advice [through the website](#) or by phoning **0808 2231133**.

St Mary's Church



A message from the Rev'd. Kate Tiltman:

The Church is closed for Anglican worship until we are advised by our bishop that it is safe to open again on a Sunday.

The Roman Catholics are still holding mass every Sunday at 11am.

Library News

Library News for the week beginning 22 January



Holocaust Memorial Day

Holocaust Memorial Day takes place each year on 27 January. The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust encourages remembrance in a world scarred by genocide. The 27 January was specifically chosen to remember the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust, alongside the millions of other people killed under Nazi Persecution and in genocides that followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. It marks the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp. If you would like to remember, then Wrexham Library service has many books including *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris, *Renia's Diary* by Renia Spiegel, *First One In Last One Out* by Marilyn Shimon, *The Sisters of Auschwitz* by Roxan van Iperen, *The Boy Who Followed His Father Into Auschwitz* by Jeremy Dronfield and much more.





Yet another 'Blow' that we could all do without



The following is one of the most puzzling and saddest pieces of news that I have heard happening **DURING** the pandemic, when these presenters, regardless of their own needs, just want to help everyone in **our** community by pointing out all the positivity that is going on. I have taken the following details from the calon fm facebook page, but have highlighted Dave Williams as he is the gentleman who invited me to speak about the Ruabon News Letter in November last year and has in past years featured news of all the events taking place in Ruabon, which has benefitted everyone - he also has a great sense of humour, and is always polite not only to those he interviews, but also to the rest of the staff. I have no doubt that the other volunteers are of the same calibre.

"The Volunteer Presenters at Wrexham's CalonFM are planning for a new future, after Calon Communications Limited has taken the decision to close from 20th January.

A statement issued by the volunteers, who run and present the award-winning station, said they are in negotiation with a number of interested parties and hope to make an announcement soon on the station's new direction.

The statement said:

"We are disappointed that the board in charge of Calon Communications Ltd in conjunction with the station's landlord: Glyndwr University took the decision to close the station down with very little notice.

"In the four weeks since the bombshell announcement, we have come together as the remaining Stakeholders to discuss and formulate an alternative plan that will ensure the OFCOM licence is preserved here in Wrexham, that volunteers will continue to present their much-loved shows and that listeners can continue to hear the output as they have over 13 years.

"We are confident that, despite numerous hurdles, we can work with interested parties to continue and develop CalonFM as a strong community resource that offers students and other volunteers the chance to work in the media."

The volunteers, who have launched a Save CalonFM campaign, will make a further announcement once they have assurances regarding a new location for the station. They thanked listeners and backers for their messages of support and are encouraged to see how the community has rallied to support their local radio station.

Contact: savecalonfm@gmail.com."

A photo of 'Toboggan Hill' sent in by Jo Smith.



A view **from** 'Toboggan Hill' (below) sent in by Alison Hamlington



Ken Skates' News Letter has already been forwarded as well as the latest report from AVOW, kindly sent in by both of our County Councillors: Dana Davies and Joan Lowe. Best wishes all, Sybil.